MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are 20 Roman Catholic teachers in the English branch, and 180 in the Vernacular branch of the Department.

Roman Catholics in the Public Works Department.

134. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Roman Catholic Christians holding appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 25 and above in the Public Works Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Seventeen.

Sanction of Government for Officers to sue S. M. P. A. Members and Members of Council.

135. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to rule that, in the same way as the people cannot, without the sanction of Government, sue some of the officers, Government officers cannot, without the sanction of Government, sue the representatives of the people who are members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly or the Legislative Council?

(*b*) As corrupt officers are likely to harbour ill-feeling against the people's representatives who always oppose their wrongful acts, do not Government consider that such a provision has become a great necessity?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) It is not clear whether the member is referring to Civil Court or Criminal Court proceedings, or to the enactment of any Regulation or the issue of departmental instructions. In regard to Criminal proceedings, the member is referred to Section 173 (*d*) of the Criminal Procedure Code. The question of extending the applicability of that section to Legislative Council members also will be considered. In regard to departmental instructions relating to Civil and Criminal proceedings by Government, the Member is referred to G. O. No. J. 835, dated 16-2-1910, published in the Land Revenue Manual, Vol III, page 75. The Government do not propose to curtail the rights of Government officers, in regard to suits or prosecutions relating to private matters.

Speed Limit for Motor Buses.

136. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Have the bus-owners sent in their objections in accordance with the notification R. O. C. No. 3659, published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 8th September, 1925, regulating the speed of buses?

(*b*) If so, have they been considered by the Government? Will the Government be pleased to state what their decision is?

(*c*) Have the Government had occasion to know that the buses designed to cover a distance of 15 to 20 miles in an hour will consume a greater quantity of petrol if driven at a speed of 11 miles per hour?

(*d*) As long as buses afford facilities and safety to passengers, will the Government be pleased to encourage bus-owners by sanctioning a higher speed, so that buses may not cease to ply on account of the stringency of the rules?

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